

I hope readers are looking forward to an enjoyable summer. This issue marks the retirement of two invaluable members of the *EAA* family. Rita Kipp has served as Editorial Advisory Board Chair since the EAB was founded in 2004 and did a masterful job in offering carefully considered counsel on too many occasions to count. Both Rita and I are delighted and grateful that Kristin Stapleton, whose *EAA* experience includes serving as an Associate Editor and member of the EAB, agreed to take Rita's place. Judith Ames, who has written every published "Web Gleanings" in *EAA*'s history, is stepping down from that responsibility. Readers will learn more about Judith's significant *EAA* contributions on page 56 of this issue.

"Contemporary Postcolonial Asia" is the special section for this issue, with most feature articles offering historical context but focusing more on the years since World War II. Magnus Fiskesjö, in "The Legacy of the Chinese Empires Beyond 'The West and the Rest,'" challenges the tendency to simply think in terms of colonialist Europe and colonized Asia, and Woyu Liu follows with an account of the PRC's educational treatment of foreign imperialism in China, though especially focusing on a history course and accompanying textbook that is required of all undergraduates enrolled in Chinese universities (except foreigners and history majors).

Moe Thuzar, in "Understanding Democracy, Security, and Change in Post-2015 Myanmar," provides an excellent overview of the nation's recent dynamic political and economic changes—coupled with continuing turbulent ethnic violence and personal security threats—that make Myanmar's future potentially bright but currently uncertain. Matthew Kosuta's "Postcolonial Religious Conflict in Southeast Asia" successfully provides "big picture" contextual descriptions for readers and a short but illuminating concluding perspective on what these conflicts might teach us about religions, conflict, and the region's peoples.

Knowledge of Taiwan's Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) is critical in understanding the "Little Dragon's" phenomenal economic rise, and they are markedly different in many ways from their counterparts in other East Asian nations. Tzong-Ru Lee and Irsan Pawira Julius Jio's article on SMEs assists readers to learn more about cultural influences on SMEs, as well as better understand and respect the resourceful and admirable entrepreneurship that is particularly characteristic of Taiwanese. Korea–Japan relations before, during, and after the twentieth century have been complex and often highly negative. In the special segment "Koreans and Japanese: Honoring Colonial Lives," contributors Byung-ho Chung and Franklin Rausch (along with filmmaker David Plath) tell a heartwarming story of Korean and Japanese volunteers providing posthumous dignity to Koreans who were neglected for decades after World War II. Journalist, academic, and popular author Coonoor Kripalini in the last special section article, "Building Nationhood through Broadcast Media in Postcolonial India," chronicles how broadcast media, especially radio, has played a major role in Indian nation-building.



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The last two feature nonthematic articles, Alexis Agliano Sanborn's "More than a Meal: School Lunch in Japan" and Sarah Schneewind's "Who Did What in a Chinese Lady's Autobiography?" are each informative treatments of two quite different topics but share the commonality of high applicability to the classroom. I hope teachers, and students in a number of cases, will enjoy and find beneficial the wide range of teaching resource essays, book reviews, and online supplementary material also included in this issue.

The fall 2017 *EAA* special section is "Water and Asia" and the winter 2017 special section is "Demographics, Social Policy, and Asia (Part I)"; the deadline for initial receipt of manuscripts for the latter issue is August 10, 2017. November 30, 2017, is the deadline for initial receipt of manuscripts for the spring 2018 special section, "Asian Politics." Please visit the *EAA* website at www.asian-studies.org/ea for author guidelines and information about all planned special sections. Nonthematic manuscripts are also considered for each issue.

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